

Minutes of the Selectmens Meeting
January 12, 1998

Selectmen present were Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Philip Dwight.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M.

The Board approved and/or signed the following:

Minutes of the January 6th meeting
Yield Tax for Olsen
Letter to Brian Beihl

The Board reviewed the letter from SFC Engineering Partnership relative to estimated costs for a study of the necessary repairs to the Gregg Lake Dam, as well as a Limnological Study, and decided to add a \$10,000 Warrant Article for the study and repairs.

The Board approved asking Michelle Hautanen to be a fair hearing officer.

The request from Project LIFT for \$2,500 was voted to be included in the 1998 budget.

The counter proposal from the Library Trustees relative to their 1998 budget was reviewed. It was decided that the Boards proposal would not be changed.

The Salary Survey from NHMA was passed out to the Board Members and copies were to be given to the Police Chief and the Road Agent. This will be reviewed by Board Members and discussed on January 19th.

Phil reported on the meeting re: Economic Development on Friday January 16th. Peter will try to attend but Carol will be out of Town.

The proposal from Steve Schacht re: insulation in the roof of A.R.T.S. was discussed. It was felt this would not cut down fuel costs and a decision was put off until after fuel costs were reviewed this spring.

At 7:00 P.M. the Board adjourned to Little Town Hall for the public information meeting on the 1998 proposed budget. The attached budget summary was made available to the approximately 20-25 people in attendance.

Peter outlined elective offices open this March and urged people to run - sign up is between January 20 - 30th. He then went through each line item on the summary sheet and a brief explanation of each.

After this presentation some questions and comments were made. The main discussion centered around the amended budget for the Library. The Library Trustees presented their views on why the budgeted amounts should be increased and the Selectmen expressed their views on why it should not. The Board indicated they would not make a change and the Trustees said they might submit a warrant article asking for an increase.

Other questions concerned correcting the vault off the Selectmen's office to protect Town Records. The Selectmen said they would look into the possibilities.

Phil explained the Selectmen's position on the amount budgeted for the Town Administrator.

Their being no other questions, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Philip T. Dwight.

PRELIMINARY PROPOSED BUDGET

THE TOWN OF ANTRIM

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1997 BUDGET	1997 SPENT	1998 ORIGINAL REQUEST		1998 REQUES OVER (UNDER 1997 BUDGET PERCENT
EXEC. OFFICE	\$46,250	\$43,249	\$57,350	1	19.35%
FINANCIAL ADMIN	\$31,350	\$30,867	\$37,900	1	17.28%
EMPLOYEE BEN.	\$92,400	\$87,670	\$110,750	2	16.57%
GEN'L GOV'T. BLDGS	\$36,220	\$34,156	\$35,600		-1.74%
GENERAL INSURANCE	\$30,000	\$27,934	\$28,500		-5.26%
OTHER GEN'L GOVT	\$36,400	\$21,516	\$37,300		2.41%
TOTAL GEN'L GOVT.	\$272,620	\$245,392	\$307,400		
POLICE DEPT	\$163,460	\$162,471	\$168,050	3	2.73%
FIRE & AMBULANCE	\$47,400	\$48,103	\$61,600	4	23.05%
HIGHWAYS - ST. PAVING	\$394,000	\$382,377	\$398,450	3	1.12%
STREET LIGHTS & MISC	\$52,700	\$48,307	\$38,600	5	-36.53%
A.R.T.S & LANDFILL	\$79,450	\$77,853	\$78,800	3	-0.82%
HEALTH & WELFARE	\$45,817	\$41,960	\$44,852	6	-2.15%
PARKS & RECREATION	\$18,250	\$17,879	\$21,850	7	16.48%
LIBRARY	\$44,875	\$44,103	\$48,293	8	7.08%
DEBT SERVICE	\$219,130	\$209,589	\$207,010	9	-5.85%
CAPITAL RESERVES	\$83,000	\$83,000	\$85,500	10	2.92%
WARRANT ARTICLES	\$119,500	\$119,500	\$142,650	11	16.23%
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,540,202	\$1,480,534	\$1,603,055		3.92%
INCOME	\$731,750	\$804,998	\$771,400		5.14%
RAISED BY TAXES	\$808,452	\$675,536	\$831,655		2.79%

NOTES:

Budget includes a 3% increase for Police, Highway and ARTS employees. Other Departments have budgeted on an individual basis.

NOTES TO INDIVIDUAL LINES

1. Town Administrator is budgeted at \$45,000, fulltime, to start May 1. This is an increase of \$20,000 over the current part-time position.
2. \$11,000 of increase due to increase in medical insurance rates. \$7,500 cost for benefits for Town Administrator.
3. Budgets essentially unchanged, except for budgeted 3% increase.
4. \$5,500 for "token" payments to Rescue Squad members responding to calls. \$9,000 to replace Scott air packs.
5. Decrease in amount budgeted for bridge repair and tree removal.
6. \$2,500 for Project Lift not budgeted at this time.
7. \$3,400 increase in amount budgeted for "Gym Coordinator" to restore position to originally proposed plan.
8. Increases in staff-hours and salary.
9. Decrease in Bond interest.
10. Increase in Police account to reflect increasing costs.

11. Warrents are the followings:	1. Police cruiser	\$28,500
	2. One Ton Truck	35,000
	3. Portable pump for the Fire Dept	4,150
	4. Initial reserve for next revaluation	15,000
	5. Upgrade of Town Hall: Heat & handi- capped access	50,000
	6. Gregg Lake Dam repair & weed control.	10,000
	Total	\$132,650